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1. For the purpose of military jurisdiction, Czechoslovakia is divided into three territorial areas corresponding to the provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia. Each area has its own Military High Court (Vrchni vojensky soud) and its own Chief Judge Advocate (Vrchni vojensky prokurator), with seats in Prague (051/L 78), Brno (P50/N 40), and Bratislava (P49/X 99).
2. The three areas are subdivided into regions, each with its Regional Military Court (krajsky vojensky soud) and its Deputy Judge Advocate (Vojensky prokurator). Each regional court is subordinate to the high court in the area in which it is located.
3. The highest military authority is the Supreme Military Court (Nejvyssi vojensky soud), which is exclusively a court of appeals, and the Judge Advocate General (Generalski vojensky prokurator). Both are located in Prague.
4. Some of the important personnel of the Military Courts are:
 - a. Supreme Military Court at Prague

Chief Justice: Gen fnu Kemling, an ardent Communist.

Judges: Col fnu Travnicek, and Capt fnu Schwarz
 - b. Military High Court in Prague

Chief Justice: Col fnu Laifer, an ardent Communist

Judges: Lt Col fnu Vas, a Communist formerly at the Attorney General's office in Prague
 - c. Military High Court in Brno

Personnel not identified

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d. Military High Court in Bratislava

Personnel not identified

5. Some of the important personnel in the Judge Advocate's offices are:

a. Office of Judge Advocate General in Prague

JAG: Justice (Gen) fnu Slapak, an ardent Communist

Deputy JAG: Col fnu Graf, former member of the Czechoslovak Western Army

b. Office of Chief Judge Advocate in Prague

CJA: Col fnu Burysek, an ardent Communist

Staff: Maj fnu Havlicek, a Communist in charge of political training of all General Staff Officers. He is a friend of Col B. Reicin, head of the 5th Dept of the General Staff

Maj fnu Sachl, an anti-Communist

Staff Capt fnu Brecka, a Communist

Capt fnu Kamorous, the Registrar, an anti-Communist

1st Lt JUDr fnu Stary, an anti-Communist

c. Office of Chief Judge Advocate in Brno

Personnel not identified

d. Office of Chief Judge Advocate in Bratislava

Personnel not identified

e. In Bohemia Military Regional Courts are located in the cities of Prague, Litomerice (N51/F 53), Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad N51/P 69), Pilsen (N50/L 04), Pisek (N50/Q 69), and Hradec Kralove (051/G 71). Regional Judge Advocates are located in the same towns.

f. In Moravia Regional Military Courts are located in the cities of Brno, Tabor (050/M 01), and Olomouc (P50/N 85). Regional Judge Advocates are located in the same towns.

g. Slovak Regional Military Courts and Judge Advocates are located in Bratislava, Banska Bystrica (Q49/C 76), and Kosice (R49/E 54).

h. The Regional Military Court of Pilsen has jurisdiction over the following district Courts:

Pilsen, Stribro (N50/P 74), Horsovsky Tyn (Bischofteinitz - N50/P 71), Plana u Maxianskych Lazni (N50/P 55), Tachov (N50/P 54), Domazlice (N50/P 70), Prestice (N50/L 02), Blovice (Blowitz - N50/L 12), Rokycany (N50/L 24), Pribram (N50/L 53), Doma (N50/L 41), and Breznice - N50/L 42).

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10. Some of the personnel in the Pilsen Regional Military Court are:

President: Maj JUDr Milos Stejskal, a Communist

Deputy: Capt JUDr Bohumil Zenisek, a Communist

Administrator: Capt Josef Stach, an anti-Communist

Registrar: Lt fnu Baloun, an ardent Communist

Magistrates: 2nd Lt Vladimir Jamroz, an anti-Communist
2nd Lt Jaroslav Hejduk, an anti-Communist
and former functionary of the Social Democratic Party

11. Some of the personnel in the Deputy Judge Advocate's office in Pilsen are:

Deputy Judge Advocate: Maj JUDr Alois Valach, an anti-Communist

Administrator: Capt Ferdinand Skarecky, an ardent Communist, and chairman of the local KSC military organization

Registrar: Lt fnu Vesely, an anti-Communist

Magistrates: 2nd Lt Josef Cemper, an anti-Communist
2nd Lt Josef Prochazka, a Communist
M/Sgt Vojtech Slama, an anti-Communist

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